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STATE FOR GEORGE HIGH, ARA/MEX

E.O. 12356: OADR  
TAGS: SNAR, MX  
SUBJECT: ARREST OF RAFAEL CARO QUINTERO

REFS: (A) STATE 101055; (B) SAN JOSE 2908;  
(C) BUSBY/JONES TELCON

1. MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE (MAGO) HAS ISSUED  
A STATEMENT BEING FORWARDED SEPTEL REGARDING ARREST OF  
CARO QUINTERO. EMBASSY IS RELEASING FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

QUOTE: THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE APPREHENSION  
IN COSTA RICA OF RAFAEL CARO QUINTERO WHO IS WANTED IN  
MEXICO IN CONNECTION WITH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE  
ABDUCTION AND MURDER OF SPECIAL AGENT ENRIQUE CAMARENA  
SALAZAR. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THIS ARREST WAS THE  
RESULT OF CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN AUTHORITIES OF COSTA  
RICA AND MEXICO. WE FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERN-  
MENT OF MEXICO HAS STATED ITS INTENTION TO REQUEST HIS  
RETURN TO MEXICO AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AMBASSADOR  
JOHN GAVIN SAID: "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WELCOMES  
THIS DEVELOPMENT AND VIEWS IT AS A SIGNIFICANT STEP  
FORWARD IN THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO'S EFFORTS TO STAMP  
OUT DRUG TRAFFICKING IN MEXICO. WE WILL GIVE OUR EVERY  
COOPERATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO IN THIS EFFORT".  
2. WITH REGARD TO LEGAL PROCESS REQUIRED TO EFFECT  
RETURN OF CARO QUINTERO (REF 'B') MAGO IS VERY MUCH ON TOP  
OF THIS PROBLEM. THEY APPARENTLY HOPE TO HAVE CARO QUINTERO  
EXPULSED FROM COSTA RICA ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE ENTERED  
THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY AND POSSESSED FALSE DOCUMENTATION.  
WE ARE INFORMED THAT FIRST SENIOR COMMANDANTE FLORENTINO  
VENTURA GUTIERREZ, CHIEF OF INTERPOL MEXICO, HAS NOW  
ARRIVED IN SAN JOSE WITH DOCUMENTATION GOM HOPES WILL BE  
SUFFICIENT TO HAVE CARO QUINTERO RELEASED TO HIS CUSTODY.  
PER REF 'C' AG GARCIA-RAMIREZ HAS SPOKEN PERSONALLY TO  
COSTA RICAN MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY BENJAMIN PIZA AND  
HAS BEEN PROMISED THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE GOCR IN  
ENSURING THE SPEEDY RETURN OF CARO QUINTERO TO MEXICO.  
GAVIN  
END OF MESSAGE

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